I WANT TO TEACH HIM A LESSON.
LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH.
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE STUFF I SAID WHEN I WAS TESTING YOU.
OHHHH...SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT BY "PASSED".
I SEE... THAT'S WHY HE ATTACKED OUR ARMY ...!
HE WANTED TO PLUNDER THE ASSETS FROM THE CIVILIANS FOR HIS OWN SELF-GAIN.
MACBETH WAS BEHIND THE BANDIT ASSAULT ON THE CULTIVATION VILLAGES.
THE TRUTH IS
HOWEVER,
IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, OF COURSE.

I don't want to fallllll! Save meeeee!
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YOU'RE TER-RIBLE!
YOU JUMPED DOWN SO QUICKLY BY YOURSELF! STUPID LEVINNNNNN!!
AREN'T YOU JUST AN ORDINARY BARD?
I MEAN, TO SAVE A VILLAGE ALL BY YOURSELF...
LEND ME A HAND TOO!!
AHH! How meaaann!
Why she's just an idiot who just happened to pass by, stupid!
OH GOOD SIR I JUST LOVE YOUR JOKES!
What an embar-rassing guy...
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...IS SHE YOUR LOVER OR SOMETHING?
ARRRGGGH! HIDE ALL THE VALUABLES!
All of it! All of it!!
How much do you think I paid those mercenaries!
NOW THE GRANDBELL ARMY MIGHT MAKE THEIR WAY OVER HERE!
THE MERCENARY UNIT WAS ANNIHILATED!?

EARLIER, YOU SAID I WAS
JUST AN ORDINARY BARD, DID YOU NOT?
LORD SIGURD.

"SHOW ME THY ONE TRUE FORM THOU HAS BEEN BESTOWED WITH!!"
"O SYLPHIE, COME FORTH AND GATHER AROUND MY BODY."
THERE'S THE BIG PRIZE!!
LET'S KICK IT TO THE MAX!
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PLEASE LET ME OUTTT!!
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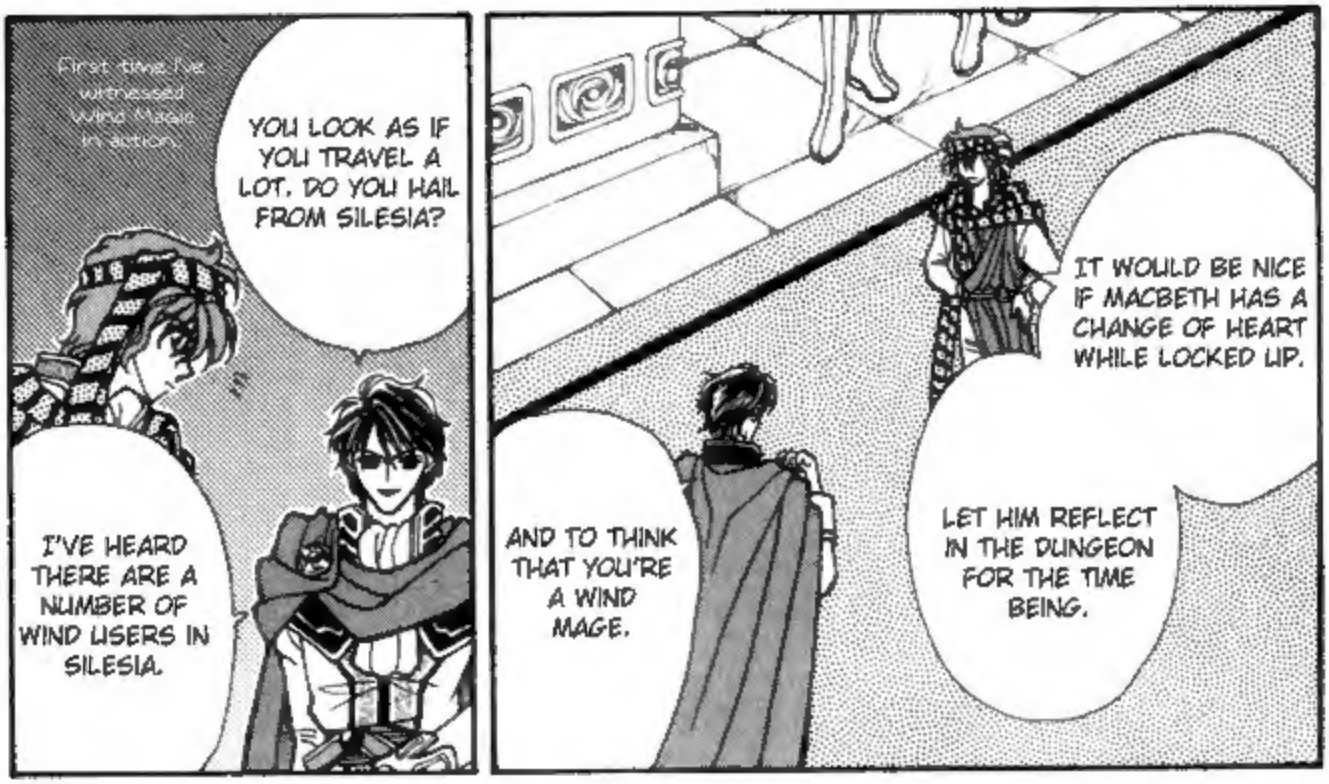
HEEEEEY! LET ME OUTTTTTT!!


First time I've witnessed Wind Magic in action.
YOU LOOK AS IF YOU TRAVEL A LOT. DO YOU HAIL FROM SILESIA?
I'VE HEARD THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WIND USERS IN SILESIA.
AND TO THINK THAT YOU'RE A WIND MAGE.
IT WOULD BE NICE IF MACBETH HAS A CHANGE OF HEART WHILE LOCKED UP.
LET HIM REFLECT IN THE DUNGEON FOR THE TIME BEING.

OUR ARMY DOESN'T HAVE MUCH ENTERTAINMENT, I'M SURE EVERYONE WAS OVERJOYED TO SEE YOU DANCE.
WOW. GOOD FOR YOU.
WHEN I DANCED IN FRONT OF EVERY-ONE THEY GAVE ME TONS OF MONEY!!
YEAH... SORT OF.
HEY! HEY! LOOK LEVIN!
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WELL IT CERTAINLY ISN'T EVIDENT BY YOUR CHEST.
You flat chested girl.
AS I THOUGHT, MY SEDUCTIVENESS IS A CRIME.
At least call me slender...
LORD SIGURD!
SUCH AMUSING PEOPLE...
YOU HAVE TO DO THAT ON YOUR OWN.
This girl's spirit is unbreakable...
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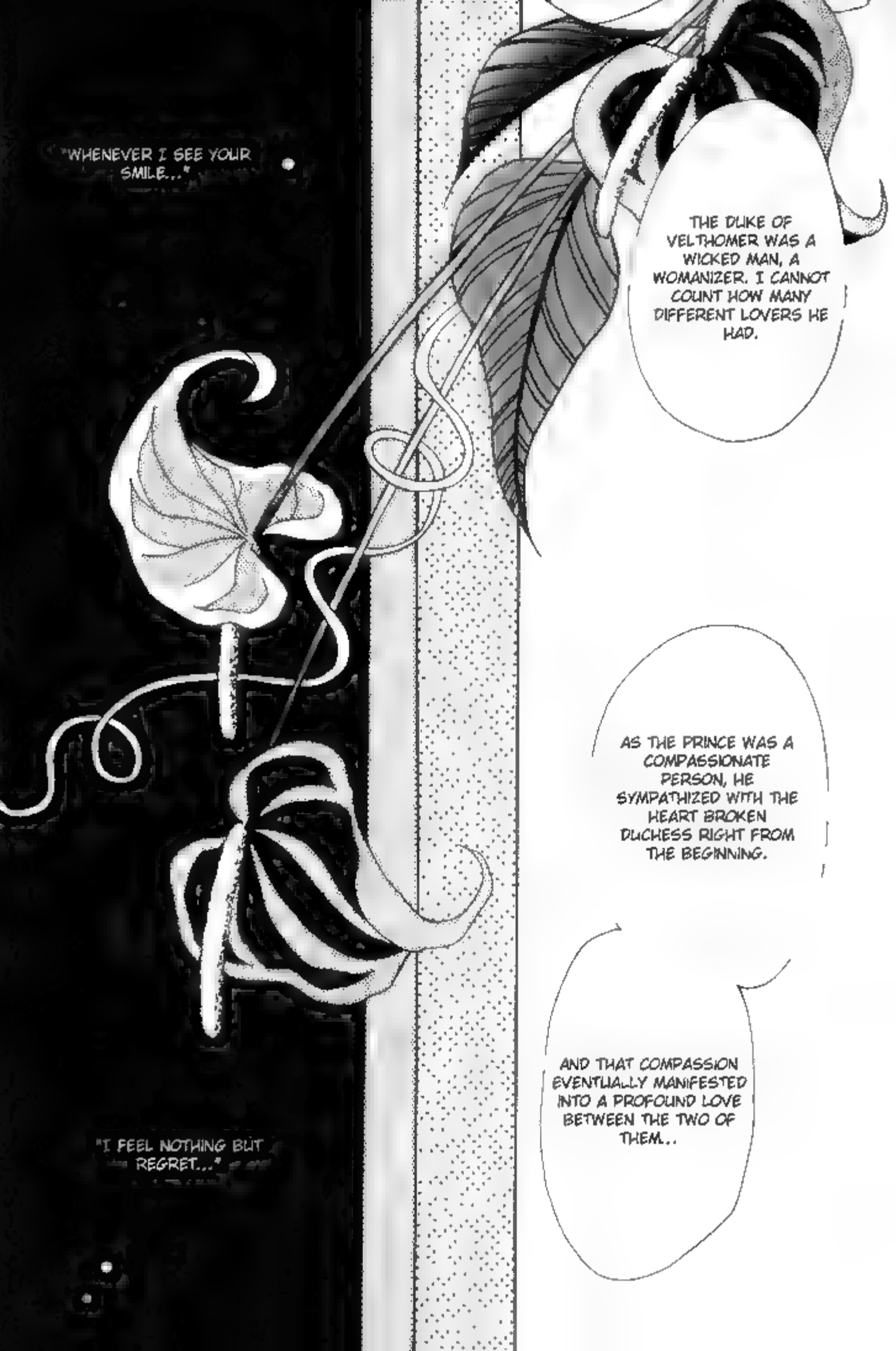
Kyaaah
THEN LEVIN WILL MAKE THEM GROW BIGGER.
SIR FILATO FROM BARHARA HAS COME TO SEE YOU.
HE'S COME TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON OUR VICTORY AND THERE IS SOMETHING HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU.
WHAT IS IT, OIFAYE?

GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, LORD SIGURD.
HIS MAJESTY IS EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH YOUR DEFENSE OF NODION AND THE CAPTURING OF HEIRHEIN.
PLEASE, I STILL HAVE YET TO EARN IT. AT LEAST UNTIL THE IMMEDIATE EXTRICATION OF KING ELTOSHAN AND THE SUBSEQUENT STABILIZATION OF GRANDBELL-AGUSTRIA RELATIONS ARE COMPLETED.
RUMORS?
EXTRAORDINARY! TRULY A SINCERE REPLY...AS EXPECTED OF THE PROUD SON OF SIR BYRON.
YET, IT PERPLEXES ME AS TO WHY THOSE RUMORS ARE SPREADING THROUGHOUT THE ROYAL COURT...
IS THAT WHAT YOU WANTED TO DISCUSS WITH ME?
YES...IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO SAY THIS BUT,
THERE ARE RUMORS SAYING THAT YOU, ALONG WITH LENSTER'S PRINCE CUAN AND KING ELTOSHAN, ARE PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW THE BARHARA ROYAL FAMILY...

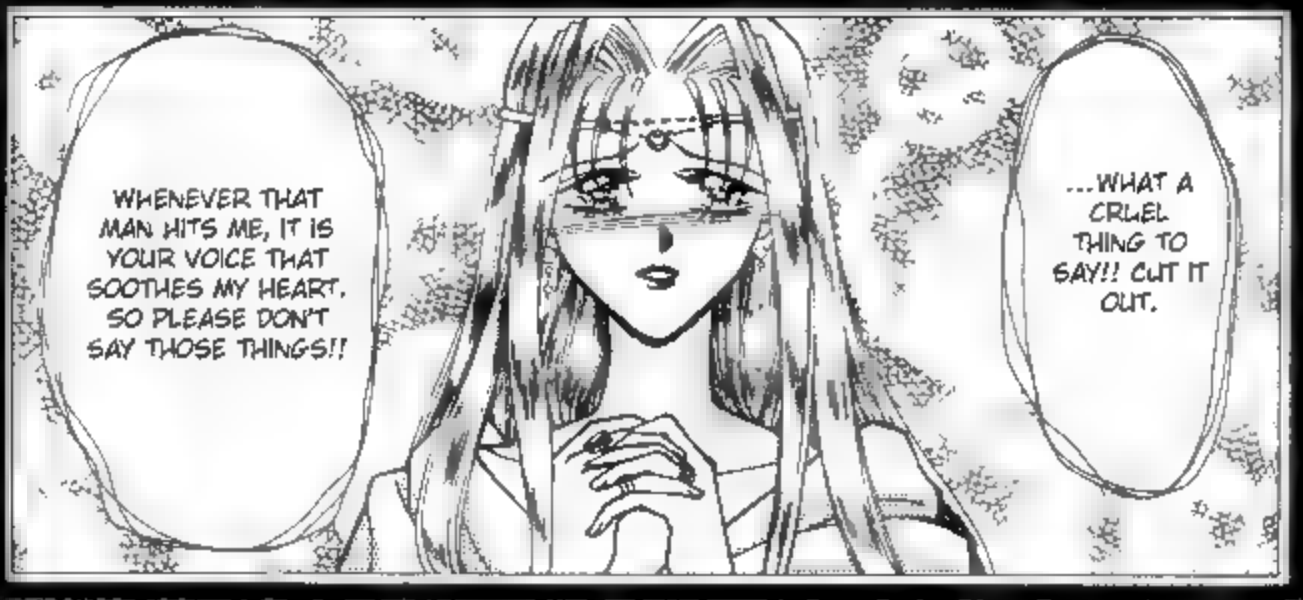
THE KINGDOM'S PRIME MINISTER, DUKE REPTOR, AND HIS PARTY...
LATELY, PRINCE KURT AND DUKE BYRON'S ABSENCE IN THE ROYAL COURT,
HAVE CREATED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO ALLOW THE COUP D'ETAT FACTION'S MOVEMENTS TO STAND OUT.
THAT'S PREPOS-TEROUS!! WHO WOULD PERPE-TRATE SUCH A RUMOR!
DUKE REPTOR HUH...
IT SEEMS HE AND DUKE LANGOBALT ARE ALWAYS ACTING HOSTILE TOWARDS MY FATHER.
YOU HAVE MY THANKS...
BY THE WAY, WHEN WILL MY FATHER MAKE HIS TRIUMPHAL RETURN?
SOON. HE IS MAKING HIS WAY BACK AS WE SPEAK.
DUKE BYRON AND I ARE FRIENDS WITH EACH OTHER.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST FOR YOUR EARS TO HEAR ABOUT IT TOO.
ANYWAY, WE'D BEST BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING THAT MAY HAPPEN.

HER?
I GUESS IT'S ALL RIGHT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THIS.
EVEN IN THE ROYAL COURT, ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THIS...
BECAUSE IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO HIM, THE BLOODLINE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY WILL CEASE TO EXIST.
IS THAT SO? THAT'S GREAT TO HEAR.
PRINCE KURT IS ALSO SAFE FROM HARM.
I'M AFRAID...HE STILL THINKS ABOUT HER..
IT IS A SHAME ABOUT THE PRINCE. UNTIL THIS DAY, HE STILL HAS YET TO TAKE A QUEEN FOR HIMSELF.
ABOUT THAT...
IN OTHER WORDS, HE FELL IN LOVE WITH DUKE ALVIS'S REAL MOTHER.
BETWEEN THE PRINCE AND THE BEAUTIFUL DUCHESS OF VELTHOMER..
IT'S A STORY THAT HAPPENED ALMOST TWENTY YEARS AGO FROM TODAY.


"WHENEVER I SEE YOUR SMILE..."
THE DUKE OF VELTHOMER WAS A WICKED MAN, A WOMANIZER. I CANNOT COUNT HOW MANY DIFFERENT LOVERS HE HAD.
AS THE PRINCE WAS A COMPASSIONATE PERSON, HE SYMPATHIZED WITH THE HEART BROKEN DUCHESS RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING.
AND THAT COMPASSION EVENTUALLY MANIFESTED INTO A PROFOUND LOVE BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM..
"I FEEL NOTHING BUT REGRET..."

PRINCE KURT, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO IS ALWAYS LAUGHING AND SMILING.
AS I AM ALWAYS SPORTING A SAD LOOK ON MY FACE.
WHAT A STRANGE THING TO SAY.

"IT'S BEST IF I DON'T LOOK AT YOU."


WHENEVER THAT MAN HITS ME, IT IS YOUR VOICE THAT SOOTHES MY HEART. SO PLEASE DON'T SAY THOSE THINGS!!
...WHAT A CRUEL THING TO SAY!! CUT IT OUT.

"IT IS YOUR SMILE THAT IS THE CRUEL ONE."

"YOUR WEEPING STATE ALONE IS ENOUGH TO PIERCE MY HEART."

"EVEN ALVIS IS BECOMING EMOTIONALLY ATTACHED TO ME."

"THE BARHARA ROYAL FAMILY SHALL PERISH"...!
"PLEASE DON'T CRY IN FRONT OF ME."
THE WORDS OF THE CURSE SAY,
HE WROTE IN HIS WILL
I LOVE YOU, SO DON'T DETEST ME...!
FOR THAT REASON, I SHALL GO INTO HIDING.
IF I STAY BY PRINCE KURT'S SIDE, THE CURSE WILL COME TO FRUITION.
"PLEASE WAIT!!"
PRINCE KURT, YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE I WILL LOVE.
FOREVER ...AND EVER.
CIGYUN...!!

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SO YOU'VE WOKEN UP, KURT YOUR HIGHNESS.
IT SEEMS THAT THE CARRIAGE STUMBLED OVER A ROCK AND HAS COME TO A HALT.
...A DREAM ...

HE WROTE THAT DURING MY ABSENCE HE MANAGED TO FIND A WIFE.
IT'S FROM SIGURD. THAT SON OF MINE UNWORTHY OF A FATHER LIKE ME.
WELL, WE WILL START MOVING EVENTUALLY.
WHILE WE ARE AT A STANDSTILL, IT WILL MAKE IT EASIER TO READ THIS LETTER.
WHO'S IT FROM, BYRON?
...I HAD A DREAM ABOUT CIGYUN
EVERY TIME I TRAVEL TO MEET HER, ADEAN BECOMES PRETTIER AND PRETTIER. I'M SURE THAT'S WHY RING IS WORRIED.
BE AT EASE, RING.
THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE CASE.
IT COULDN'T BE, HE'S NOT TALKING ABOUT MY ADEAN IS HE!?
HAHA...
PRINCE!! WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S AFFAIRS?
YOU YOURSELF HAVE TO HURRY AND FIND A QUEEN SO THAT YOU MAY BEAR A SUCCESSOR...
I KNOW I KNOW.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN EIGHTEEN YEARS SINCE THEN.
HEH... I'M SO STUB-BORN.
I KNOW, BYRON...BEARING A SUCCESSOR IS MY RESPONSIBILITY.
BUT...I'VE COME TO LIVE WITH THE HOPE THAT ONE DAY SHE MAY RETURN TO MY SIDE.
MY PRINCE...
WHEN WE ARRIVE BACK IN BARHARA.
I WILL SEARCH FOR THE CHILD I HAD WITH CIGYLIN.
SO PLEASE, ALLOW ME TO CONTINUE THIS VAIN STRUGGLE UNTIL THE VERY END.
WHETHER IT'S A PRINCE OR A PRINCESS, I CARE NOT.
HOWEVER...IF IT WERE TO BE A PRINCESS,
SHE WOULD MOST LIKELY POSSESS HER MOTHER'S SILVER HAIR. MATURING INTO A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN...

NOW THAT YOU SAY IT. .
HEY! RING! GO TAKE A LOOK!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME!!
The two are best buds
I JUST STATED THE OBVIOUS! DON'T BLAME ME!!
I can hear you you know
LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE! BECAUSE YOU SAID SOMETHING UNNECESSARY, NOW THE PRINCE IS ALL DEPRESSED!!
I WONDER IF SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED?
BY THE WAY, THE CARRIAGE STILL HASN'T MOVED?
HAH

DU. DUKE LANGOBALT!?
WHAT IN THE WORLD-
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..YOU...THIS IS NO BATTLEFIELD.
I ASK YOU WHY THE DIVINE AXE OF SWANCHIKA IS SOAKED IN BLOOD.
SHING
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!?
DRAWING THE HOLY SWORD ARE YOU..?
THEN YOU MUST HAVE GUESSED, HAVEN'T YOU?
YOUR WORLD SHALL END HERE...I WILL HAVE YOU DIE TOGETHER WITH THE PRINCE...SUCH IS WRITTEN IN THE SCRIPT.

"BYRON THE TRAITOR..."
"FOR THE MURDER OF PRINCE KURT, I SHALL ENACT HEAVEN'S PUNISHMENT UPON YOU...!!!
---WHA!

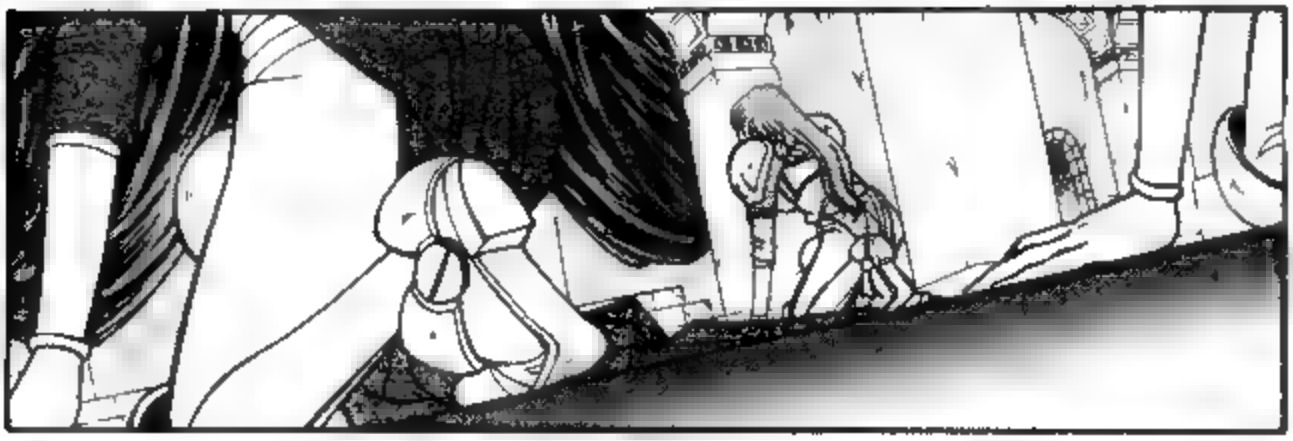
MUTINY...!!
JUST NOW. .
I HAD A STRANGE CHILL INSIDE MY BODY...
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, SIR SIGURD?

I HAVE A BAD PRE-MONI-TION.
WHAT IS THIS!? THIS FEELING IN MY CHEST..
DON'T TELL ME! SOME-THING HAS HAP-PENED TO DIA-DORA.
...

SIR FILATO!
I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY TROOPS WHO I HAVE ORDERED TO STANDBY IN MACKILY. I SHALL BE HEADING OVER THERE.
I UNDERSTAND. I WISH YOU GOOD FORTUNE IN BATTLE.
TO MACKILY!!
I HAVE TO GO.
AS FAST AS I CAN!
AGUSTY CASTLE
TELL CLEMENT TO QUICKLY DISPATCH HIS TROOPS!!
WHAT IS MACKILY DOING!?

WHAT'S GOING ON!! NOT ONLY HEIRHEIN BUT ANPHONY TOO!
AND YOU MANFROY! YOU SAID THAT WE WOULD WIN THIS WAR!
TO THINK THEY WOULD FALL TO AN ARMY LED BY ONLY A YOUNGSTER!
THE ONES FROM SILESIA HAVE REQUESTED AN AUDIENCE WITH YOUR MAJESTY...
I ONLY SAID THERE IS A POSSIBILITY FOR VICTORY.
OH DEAR, I'M AFRAID YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG ..
THOSE PE-GASUS KNIGHTS HAVE!?
YOUR MAJESTY CHAG-ALL!
...YOU...! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO YOU'RE DIRECTING YOUR WORDS TO?

.....?
I HAD FORGOTTEN.
I SUMMONED THEM TO AGUSTRIA JUST IN CASE SUCH AN OCCASION WERE TO ARISE. .
AH, THAT'S RIGHT ..THEY ARE STILL HERE.
BRING THEM HERE RIGHT AWAY!!
YES SIR!



MAY I INQUIRE AS TO HOW THE INVESTIGATION OF PRINCE LEVIN'S WHEREABOUTS ARE PROGRESSING?
YOUR MAJESTY CHAGALL.

YOU ARE AWARE OF THE ATTACK THAT IS CURRENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE GRANDBELL ARMY ON OUR COUNTRY, ARE YOU NOT?
WELL IT SEEMS THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE GRANDBELL FORCES, SIGURD, IS HOLDING THE PRINCE CAPTIVE IN HIS CASTLE, EVANS.
REALLY!?
ABOUT THAT, YOU ARRIVED AT JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT.
NEWS REGARDING THE PRINCE'S LOCATION HAS JUST ARRIVED
DON'T TELL ME HE INTENDS TO GET THEM TO STRIKE AT THE ENEMY'S HEADQUARTERS WITH THIS?
SUCH A FOOLISH STORY...
LOOK AT THEM! NOT ONE OF THE PEGASUS KNIGHTS APPEARS TO BE BUYING IT!

AND IT APPEARS THAT THE PRINCE IS SCHEDULED TO SOON BE EXECUTED THERE.
EVEN IF THEY DON'T COMPLY, IT WOULD BE FUTILE FOR THEM TO TRY TO RESIST...
NO MATTER.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT..

I THINK SO, TOO.
BUT IF BY ANY CHANCE WHAT HE SAID WAS IN FACT THE TRUTH, THAT MEANS WE ARE IN A REAL PREDICAMENT.

IT IS A COMPLETE LIE!!
SPEAKING OF LORD SIGURD, EVEN IN SILESIA HE IS MAN KNOWN FOR BEING AN OFFICER OF UTMOST INTEGRITY.
THAT'S RIGHT! EVEN IF THEY REALLY DID FIND THE PRINCE, FOR HIM TO BE EXECUTED IS...

START MAKING PREPARA-TIONS FOR DEPARTURE.
AS SOON AS THEY ARE COMPLETED, WE SHALL HEAD FOR EVANS.
UNDER-STOOD.

BESIDES, YOU GIRLS DON'T WANT TO STAY IN THIS PLACE FOREVER, RIGHT?
AH! SO YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY.

I'M BEAT ..
.....
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, FURY! GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
YOU'RE A CAPTAIN, AREN'T YOU?
EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY! WE WILL SEE PRINCE LEVIN FOR SURE!!
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL. ALMOST AS IF THE SKY IS MOVED BY MY TEARS. .
FOR SURE ...

QUEEN RAHNA, THE PEOPLE OF SILESIA...
EVERYONE LONGS TO SEE YOU.
AND I AS WELL...
THE ONE PERSON LOVED BY SYLPHIE.
I PRAY THAT YOU ARE WANTING TO MEET US.
THE WIND WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE GUIDED US, YET...

HE RHEIN AND ANPHONY HAVE FALLEN.
HIS HIGHNESS CHAGALL IS IN A STATE OF RAGE.
IT NOW GIVES AN EXCUSE FOR THOSE GRANDBELLIANS LABELLED AS "INVADERS" TO ATTACK THIS CASTLE.
BUT IS THIS NOT A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR US?
MACKILY CASTLE
AS LONG AS I POSSESS THIS SLEEP STAFF!!!!
IN THE RANKS OF GRANDBELL, THERE IS NONE WHO CAN STAND UP TO ME!!

AND THAT BEAUTY MANIFESTED ITSELF INTO AN INSTRUMENT THAT PLAYS THE LULLABY OF THE DEMONS!!
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL STAFF...
AS IF THE BEAUTY GOD OF THE HEAVENS FLEW DOWN HERSELF.
NOW THEN, ALL UNITS MOVE OUT!
WE WILL SLIP INTO THE TWILIGHT TO SETTLE THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL.
AS LONG AS THE GRANDBELL ARMY FEARS THIS STAFF, THEY CANNOT APPROACH MY CASTLE!
KING CLEMENT!
HM?
WITH THIS, I SHALL PERSONALLY PROCEED TO THE ENEMY CAMP,
AND LET THEM WITNESS HELL!

WHAT DID YOU SAY?
ADDITIONALLY, IF YOU AGREE TO THE TRUCE,
SIGURD'S WIFE WILL PERSONALLY COME TO THE CASTLE WITH SOMETHING THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO THE KING.
WHAT IS IT?
THE GRANDBELL ARMY HAS REQUESTED AN AUDIENCE SO THAT THEY MAY DISCUSS A TRUCE WITH YOU.
OUT...OUT OF THE BLUE.
WELL THEN EVERYONE, I SHALL BE OFF.
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO BE OKAY..?
IT APPEARS HE INTENDS TO COMPLY WITH THE AGREEMENT.
THE CAR-RIAGE IS HERE!
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IF EVERYTHING GOES WELL, NO ONE'S BLOOD WILL BE SPILLED.
BUT THIS IS THE MOST ASSURED METHOD.
I'M WOR-RIED.
IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO YOU,
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SHOW MY FACE TO SIGURD.
EVERYTHING WILL GO WELL. I WILL MAKE SURE OF IT.
...ACTUALLY, I TAKE THAT BACK.
WE WILL BE GOING WITH HER.
ALSO...

"PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT, PRINCESS LACHESIS."
.....
IF THERE ARE MEN WITH US, THEN THE ENEMY WILL BE CAUTIOUS OF US. IF THAT HAPPENS, THE PLAN WILL...
YOU CAN'T, FINN.
IF YOU ARE GOING TO ACCOMPANY LADY DIADORA TO MACKILY CASTLE,
THEN I SHALL GO AS WELL.
HAAA...
PRINCESS LACHESIS?
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU!!
I WAS ASSIGNED TO GUARD YOU BY LORD CLAN. THAT IS THE REASON I DID NOT GO WITH LORD SIGURD'S GROUP.

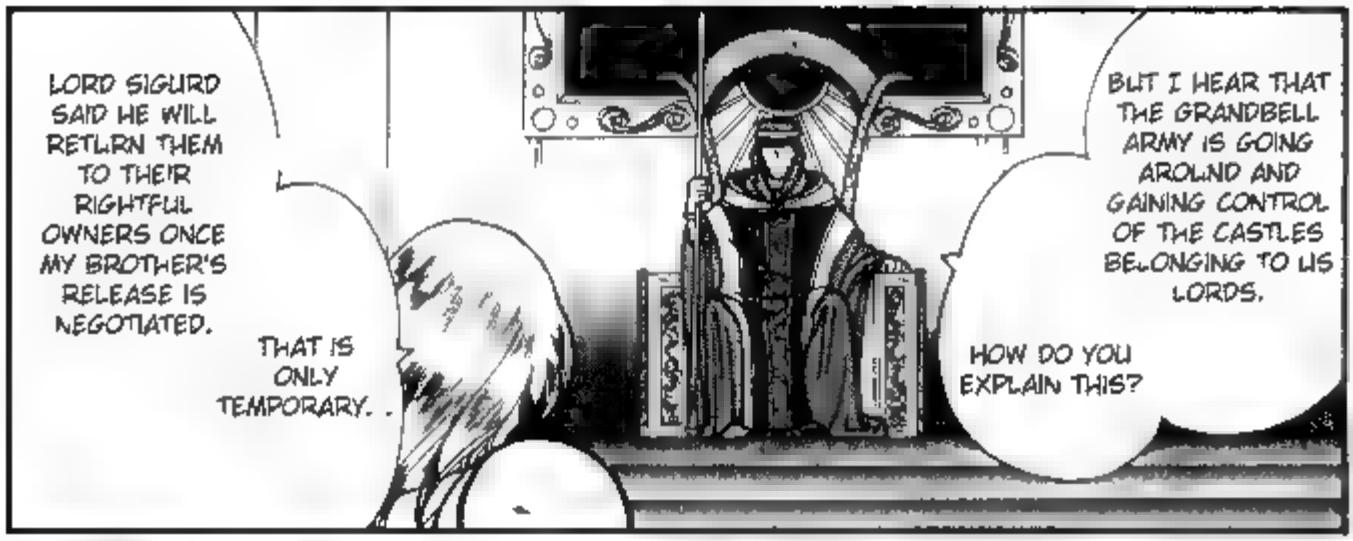
AS LONG AS YOU "APPEAR" TO BE PROTECTING ME WHEN WE ARE IN FRONT OF LORD SIGURD AND LORD CLAN.
THAT SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH.
LET ME BE CLEAR WITH YOU.
I DON'T NEED ANYONE GUARDING ME.
I ONLY ACCEPTED YOU AS MY GUARD SO THAT I COULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WAR.
EH...?
PLEASE DO NOT OVERESTI-MATE YOUR ABILITIES.
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY TRAVERSE A BATTLEFIELD BY YOURSELF.
THE ONLY ONE WHO IS OVERESTI-MATING THEMSELVES IS YOU.
THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON IN THIS WORLD WHO IS TRULY CAPABLE OF PROTECTING ME.
UNHAND ME!

..AT THAT MOMENT, MY HEAD BECAME FILLED WITH VARIOUS QUESTIONS.
I COULD NO LONGER BRING MYSELF TO TRY TO RESTRAIN HER FROM GOING...
..WHY?
"WHO IS SHE REFERRING TO!?"
FINN, CALM DOWN!! DON'T LET YOUR HEART BE THROWN INTO CHAOS...
SO I WAS UNABLE TO PROPERLY FULFILL THE MASTER'S ORDERS. WHAT SHOULD I DO!?

MEET THEM AT THE THRONE ROOM.
HAVE THEM MAKE THEIR WAY FROM THERE.
YES!
..SO THEY CAME.
SENDING OVER WOMEN TO PRESENT A GIFT... I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE PLANNING.
BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF AGREEING TO A TRUCE.
DON'T TAKE ME LIGHTLY!
I SHALL MAKE USE OF THEM AS MY HOSTAGES.

SO THAT'S THE "SLEEP" STAFF...
THERE IS NO MISTAKING IT...I CAN FEEL THE STRONG MAGICAL POWER RADIATING FROM THE STAFF.
I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR ALLOWING US THIS AUDIENCE WITH YOU.
I WELCOME YOU.
WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE.. ... EACH ONE OF YOU IS QUITE BEAUTIFUL

YOU ALL OF SUDDEN WANT TO ENTER INTO A TRUCE...
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE THE CAUSE OF OUR COUNTRY'S INTERNAL DISSENSION,
NOW I UNDERSTAND. YOU HAVE INHERITED THE GOOD LOOKS OF YOUR BROTHER..
OH! SO YOU ARE..
ABOUT THAT, THIS IDEA WAS ORIGINALLY MINE.
I AM THE YOUNGER SISTER OF NODION'S KING ELTOSHAN, LACHESIS.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I AM MEETING YOU, KING CLEMENT.
EVERYTHING WAS DONE TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF MY BROTHER.
FROM THE START, THE PEOPLE FROM GRANDBELL BORE NO ANIMOSITY TOWARDS AGUSTRIA.


LORD SIGURD SAID HE WILL RETURN THEM TO THEIR RIGHTFUL OWNERS ONCE MY BROTHER'S RELEASE IS NEGOTIATED.
THAT IS ONLY TEMPORARY. .
BUT I HEAR THAT THE GRANDBELL ARMY IS GOING AROUND AND GAINING CONTROL OF THE CASTLES BELONGING TO US LORDS.
HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS?

HAHA...
HE COULDN'T HAVE! THAT CONCEITED YOUNGSTER SAID THAT?

IT'S TRUE! BROTHER HAS ALWAYS HAD TROUBLE SHOWING COURTESY TO PEOPLE.
SO YOU MAY NOT HAVE NOTICED IT YOURSELF...
THAT'S WHY...YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO I CAN SAFELY MAKE THIS REQUEST TO.

AS KING OF MACKILY, YOU ARE THE HIGHLY REVERED PRIEST, KING CLEMENT ..
MY BROTHER HAS ALWAYS TOLD ME THAT,
AMONG THE VARIOUS LORDS OF AGUSTRIA, KING CLEMENT IS THE MOST TRUSTWORTHY!

...OF COURSE, THAT IS NOT ALL WE HAVE TO OFFER.
I HAVE PREPARED HERE A SUITABLE GIFT TO ACT AS COLLATERAL.
I BEG YOU, ACCEPT THE TRUCE.
CAN YOU NOT MAKE A REQUEST TO HIS MAJESTY CHAGALL TO RELEASE MY BROTHER!?
B...BUT YOU KNOW...THE REASON ELTOSHAN WAS IMPRISONED IN THE FIRST PLACE WAS BECAUSE HE RUDELY OPPOSED HIS MAJESTY.
I TOO HAVE LOYALTY TOWARDS HIS MAJESTY.
I CANNOT SIMPLY AGREE WITH JUST A MERE OFFERING. .
IT IS A BEAUTIFUL STAFF THAT CONCEALS A POWERFUL MAGICAL ABILITY.
IT IS AN OBJECT THAT IS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR YOU, HIGH PRIEST KING CLEMENT ..

HOW ABOUT VERIFYING IT FOR YOURSELF?
O...OKAY! BRING IT HERE.
A...A BEAUTIFUL STAFF, YOU SAY!?
THAT'S PREPOSTEROUS!! HOW CAN THERE BE A STAFF MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN THE "SLEEP" STAFF THAT I POSSESS IN MY HAND!
...OHH
ARE YOU REALLY GIVING THIS TO ME!?
PRAY TELL, WHAT KIND OF MAGICAL ABILITY DOES IT CONCEAL!?
DOES IT SUIT YOUR LIKING?
LOOK AT THIS... WHAT BEAUTY...
IT IS NOT INFERIOR TO THE ONE I'M HOLDING.

!!

"SILENCE"

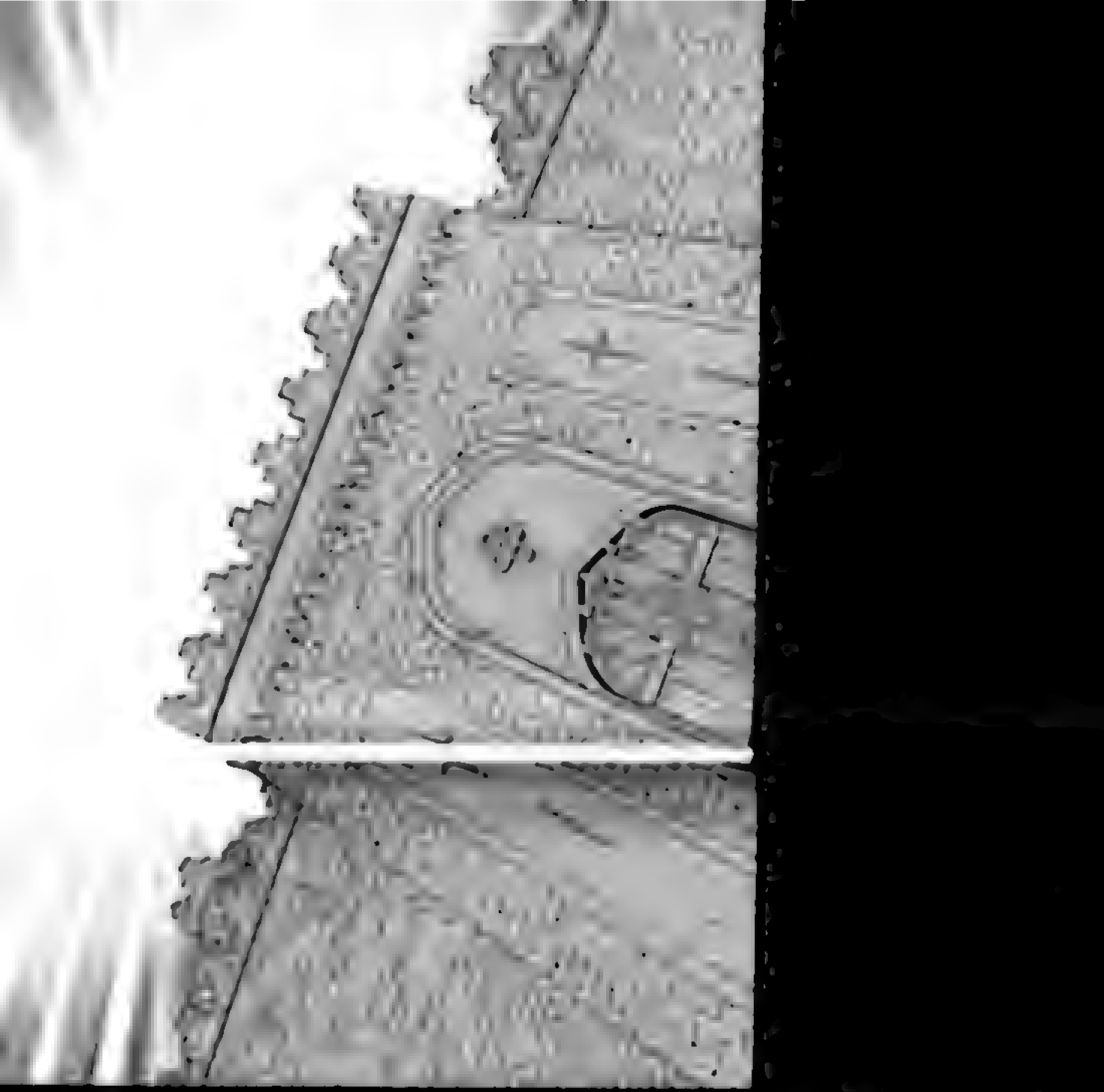
IS WHAT IT'S CALLED, KING CLEMENT...

MY VOICE!!

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE REDUCED TO DUST BY THE MAGIC SPELL "ALIRA", THEN DO AS I SAY!!
I AM CAPABLE OF USING LIGHT MAGIC!
DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!
PLANNED THIS FROM THE START.
THESE WENCHES —
QUITE A PERFORMANCE I PUT ON, DON'T YOU THINK?
NICE WORK.
AHHH GEEZ, IT WAS HARD FOR ME TO CONTAIN MY LAUGHTER!

...!!
LORD BROTHER USED TO ALWAYS TALK ABOUT
HOW YOU AGUSTRIAN LORDS ARE SUCH SELF-SERVING, FAT, UNSIGHTLY PIGS.

USE THE "SLEEP" STAFF ON US...
O...DON'T TELL ME SHE'S GOING TO
GEH...



..SO..
..YOU'RE TELLING ME IT WAS A BLOODLESS TAKEOVER..
IT WAS AMAZING! WHEN I ENTERED THE CASTLE, ALL THE ENEMY SOLDIERS WERE FROZEN IN PLACE!
PHEEEW ..SIGURD KEPT THINKING THAT SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED AT MACKILY AND CAME RIGHT AWAY. .
We've been on horseback since morning. We're exhausted.
It's already midnight
I'm tired. I want to go to bed
Limpy
? Why are you sticking up for me?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK SO GLUM, DO YOU?

"WITH THIS, YOU WILL NEVER EVER PART WITH ME AGAIN, RIGHT?"

"HOW COULD I POSSIBLY ALLOW MYSELF TO PART WITH YOU?"

"IF I PART WITH YOU, IT WILL BE BECAUSE YOU DID SOMETHING TOTALLY UNREASONABLE
IN A PLACE WHERE I CANNOT WATCH OVER YOU."
"YOU'RE SO MEAN! AREN'T YOU GOING TO PRAISE ME?"

I'M GIVING YOU MY THANKS. AFTER GALLOPING OVER HERE ALL THE WAY FROM ANPHONY.
YOU SAVED ME THE TROUBLE OF HAVING TO FIGHT THE ENEMIES IN MY EXHAUSTED STATE.
..LORD SIGURD, YOU'RE IN A BULLYING MOOD, AREN'T YOU?

You see

Someone said that to me before
See volume 4
I REALLY DO BELIEVE YOU DID AN AMAZING JOB. THE ANGER I WAS EXPERIENCING BEFORE HAS ALMOST COMPLETELY DISSIPATED
IS THAT SO?
THEN LET ME GIVE YOU SOME GOOD NEWS.

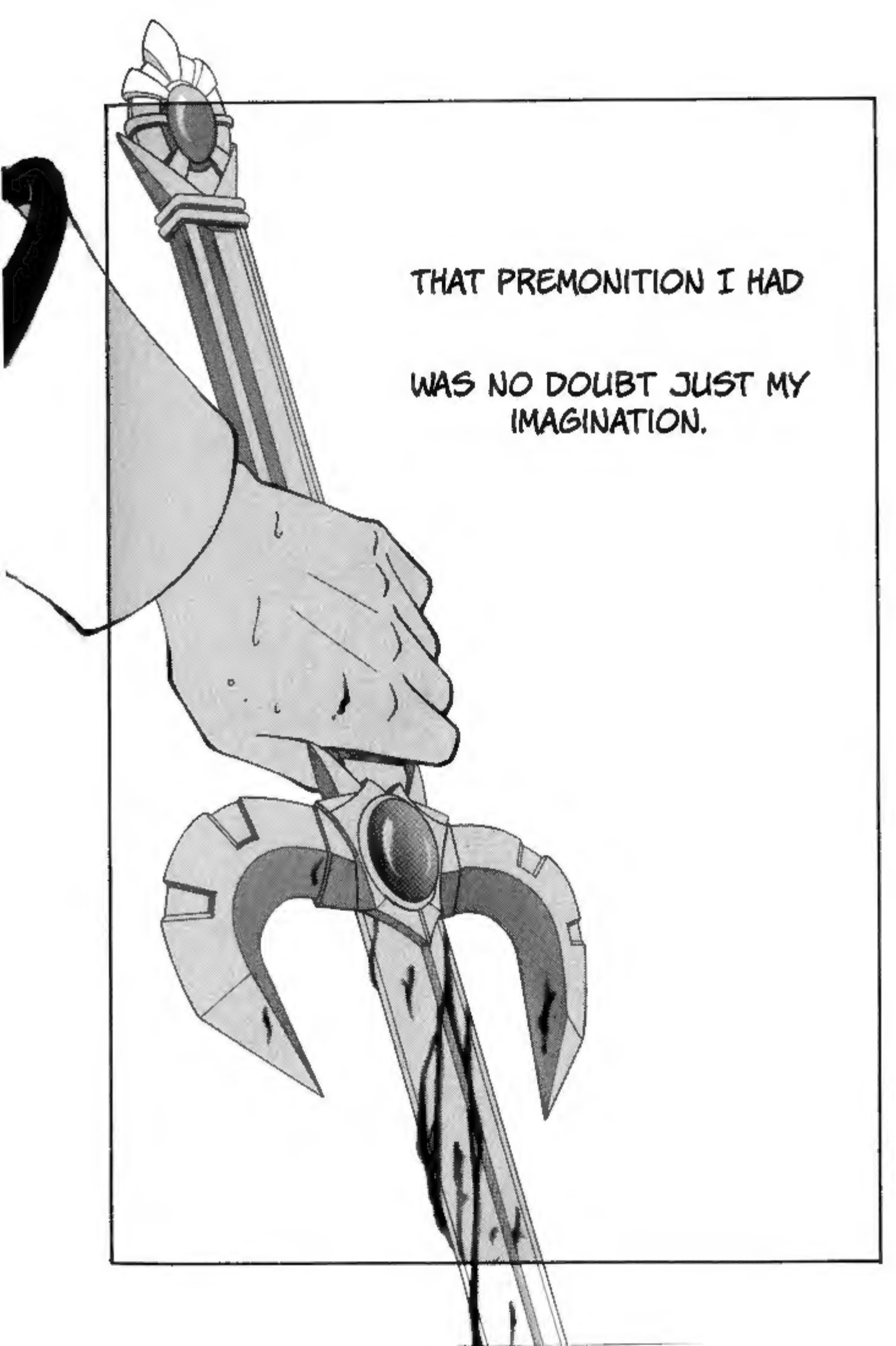
A baby!

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE I MEET UP WITH ELTOSHAN.

AGUSTY IS RIGHT WITHIN REACH.

ONCE FATHER MAKES HIS TRIUMPHANT RETURN, I WILL INTRODUCE DIADORA TO HIM.

SUCH DELIGHTFUL NEWS.


THAT PREMONITION I HAD
WAS NO DOUBT JUST MY IMAGINATION.

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